IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION

RAMONA WINEBARGER and REX WINEBARGER, Plaintiffs,
v. BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION, Defendant
MARTHA CARLSON, Plaintiff,
v.
BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

Defendants

CASE NOS. 5:15CV57-RLV; 3:15CV211-RLV

PLAINTIFFS OBJECTIONS AND COUNTER DESIGNATIONS TO DEFENDANT BOSTON SCIENTIFIC'S COUNTER DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS OF EVAN BRASINGTON TAKEN 8/22-23, 2013

Plaintiffs Counter Designation to BSC Counter Designation

13 If the FDA says this is not it does not		
meet		
14 that requirement, then they will require a		
clinical		
15 trial.		
eb082313, (Pages 400:5 to 401:18)	400:5 -	
400	401:18	
5 Q. And then it looks like you moved over to	FRE 401,	
be	402, 403	
6 vice president of worldwide marketing for the	402, 403	
urology		
7 franchise. Tell the jury what that means.		
What did you		
8 do there?		
9 A. So at that time the company made a		
decision as		
10 we're entering the women's health space to		
split the		
11 marketing role into two different areas.		
12 And I was the vice president of		
marketing for		
13 the urology products, and my responsibility		
was for all		
14 of our stone management products. And these		
are people		
15 that end up getting kidney stones or stones in		
their		
16 ureter or their bladder. And we make		
products that		
17 extract those stones from the body. There's		
about		
18 approximately 2,600 product codes in this		
area. They're		
19 products such as dilatation balloons, ureteral		
stents,		
20 guidewires, sheaths, catheters, and so on.		
21 And in addition to that, I was responsible		
for		
22 the prostate. So we had products for BPH, a		
laser		
23 technology, and also the Prolieve technology,		
which is		
24 the microwave technology.		
401		
1 So the urology business represented 70		
percent		
2 of the company's revenue worldwide.		
3 Q. So during this period of time from 2000		
to		
4 2005, you were on the urology side of the		
business and		

5 not the women's health side of the business. Is	
that	
6 right?	
7 A. Yes. My whole responsibility was on the	
8 urology side.	
9 Q. During this period of time from 2000 to	
2005,	
10 that's when the Advantage Boston	
Scientific's	
11 Advantage sling underwent its research and	
development	
12 process. Is that right?	
13 A. That's correct.	
14 Q. And were you working on that side of	
the	
15 business when the research and development	
was done on	
16 the Advantage sling?	
17 A. No. I was solely responsible for the	
urology	
18 product line.	
eb082313, (Pages 407:3 to 409:4)	[Counter Designations to
407	407:3-409:4]
3 Q. I want to talk a little bit about what	-1.002212 (Page 201.54)
4 marketing does. Describe generally what the	eb082213, (Page 201:5 to
marketing 5. deportment door. Give the jumy same sense of	201:10)
5 department does. Give the jury some sense of some of	
6 the big responsibilities of marketing.	5 Q. Okay. Let's talk about Dr. Roger Goldberg.
7 A. I actually get this question a lot, what's	6 What did he develop?
the	7 A. So Roger Goldberg -
8 difference what do you do in marketing	- again, to get the more
exactly. And	8 accurate details, I think I
9 I always start with the clinical unmet needs	would talk to Jeff Mann or
because	9 Vance Brown, because
10 that's where marketing does start. And that's	those are the IP attorneys that
11 uncovering what the clinical unmet needs in	are
the	10 on there.
12 marketplace. We do that through interaction	10 on more.
with	eb082213, (Page 201:15 to
13 physicians, conducting market research, voice	201:16)
of the	201
14 customer, some voice of the patient, voice to	15 Q. And his inventions
the	resulted in what product?
15 hospital, to collect that information.	16 A. Uphold.
16 But mainly when you think of marketing	
and you	eb082213, (Pages 203:12 to
17 think of product development, we're getting	204:22)
the	203
18 information on what are the clinical unmet	12 Q. Okay. But my
needs of the	question is: With regard to the

- 19 products. And then once we establish that, we then
- 20 determine if a product can be made to address that
- 21 clinical unmet need.
- **Q.** And then does marketing work with outside
- 23 physicians?
- 24 A. Yes, we do.

408

- 1 O. In what capacity?
- 2 A. So with physicians outside or physicians in the
- 3 marketplace, we establish relationships with some key
- 4 opinion leaders or thought leaders that are considered
- 5 experts or strong in some areas. We also have regional
- 6 thought leaders for specific regions of the country.
- 7 We also have some community-based physicians
- 8 that we interact with and contract with, and then also
- 9 fellows and our residents for a goal of trying to get a
- 10 broad perspective of the marketplace.
- 11 Q. And how do you use those doctors? Why are they
- 12 a resource to the company? What are you using them for?
- 13 A. Well, the number-one reason is uncovering a
- 14 clinical unmet need and understanding what their
- 15 challenges are in their practice, with their patients,
- 16 with their outcomes, and hopefully coming up with
- 17 resolutions to that.
- 18 We also work with docs that come to us with
- 19 specific ideas. We say no to many; we say yes to some.
- 20 It's typically the ones that we say yes to are the ones
- 21 that have a clinical -- I mean they have a patent and it
- 22 truly addresses a clinical unmet need.
- And we also work with physicians from a

- 13 actual Uphold product, the only clinical data you had 14 with regard to the Uphold product itself came from
- 15 Dr. Goldberg, who was receiving a royalty on the 16 product. True?
- 17 A. I don't know. I would ask Janice Connor.
- 18 Q. Okay. If that is the case, doesn't that
- 19 present a conflict of interest?
- 20 MR. ANIELAK: Form.
- 21 A. I'm not an expert on contracting. My
- 22 experience in the past is no, that's not a conflict of 23 interest.
- 24 Q. Well --

204

- 1 A. Because he invented the product.
- 2 Q. Right. But he's also the one that's saying
- 3 it's good and he's also the one that's getting paid. So
- 4 doesn't Dr. Goldberg have a vested interest in saying
- 5 that his product works well because if it works well,
- 6 Dr. Goldberg makes more money?
- 7 A. Yeah. I mean, this is getting out of my area
- 8 of expertise from the standpoint of exactly how they're
- 9 paid.
- 10 But my understanding with these guys and how
- 11 they're paid is they're paid on the patent of the
- 12 product. That's what they're paid. They're paid on the
- 13 idea that they brought and invented to the marketplace.

	T	
24 training standpoint because the physicians are		14 Q. Okay. But do you
the ones		understand how a conflict
409		15 could arise because if a
1 that do the training. And they're the ones we		when you're looking at data,
count on		16 data can be interpreted
2 to do the training in our preceptorships and		many different ways. Correct?
our		17 A. Sure.
3 proctorships as well as working in our cadaver		18 Q. Isn't it possible that
labs and		someone who has a
4 so on.		19 financial interest in
		interpreting data could skew
		the
		20 data to help their own
		financial gain? That's a
		21 possibility, isn't it?
		22 A. Absolutely can
		happen.
		парреп.
		eb082213, (Page 193:15 to
		193:19)
		193
		15 Q. It says, "I played an
		active role in assessing,
		16 developing, and
		negotiating the Dennis Miller
		and
		17 Roger Goldberg new
		product/royalty contracts."
		18 Do you see that?
		19 A. Yeah. I was
		involved in both.
		invoivea in boin.
eb082313, (Pages 412:4 to 422:9)	412:4-413:6	
412	FRE 801,	
4 Q. You referred a number of times to unmet	802	
needs.		
5 In terms of Boston Scientific's the Pinnacle		
and the		
6 Uphold devices that were marketed by Boston		
Scientific		
7 for pelvic organ prolapse, how did those		
products		
8 fulfill an unmet need?		
9 A. Well, at the time that we were looking at		
the		
10 market for pelvic organ prolapse there were		
other		
11 companies already on the market, J&J, AMS,		
Bard, and		
12 others. And one of the things that we heard		
through	1	İ

- 13 physicians when we were determining if we were going to
- 14 come to the market, what are the clinical unmet needs.
- 15 So the way the first-generation products that
- 16 were on the market that were offered by the companies I
- 17 mentioned were -- it's a trocar that's passed through
- 18 the buttocks. There's four different trocars. It's a
- 19 blind passage. So many of the physicians that we talked
- 20 to had stated is it possible to do this procedure
- 21 intravaginally so you're not having to do a blind pass
- 22 through the buttocks.
- The other thing that physicians were stating
- 24 when we're talking about what can we do to improve

413

- 1 products that are already on the market is improving the
- 2 actual stability of the actual mesh, meaning the current
- 3 devices were Level 2 support, which is sutured to the
- 4 sidewall. And the whole idea of Level 1 support is,
- 5 according to the physician feedback, we said
- 6 repositioning the organ back into its normal anatomy.

- **6** Q. I want to turn to the next slide from your
- 7 presentation where you talk about physician education.
- 8 When you're talking about physician education, tell the
- 9 jury what that means.
- 10 A. Physician education, physician training, that's
- 11 also what it's called. First, it's something I'm verv
- 12 passionate about from the day I started with Boston

- 17 organ prolapse devices and the stress urinary 18 incontinence devices, who within your organization would 19 know the most details about Boston Scientific's training 20 programs? 21 A. Abby Fischer would be the person what 22 most integrally involved with that. Q. You mentioned the Pelvic Floor Institute. Tell 24 the jury what the Pelvic Floor Institute is. 418 A. Well, the Pelvic Floor Institute was, --1 again, 2 clinical unmet needs are one thing to do with 3 innovation. But from a physician training standpoint, I 4 think you have to look at the same things. So we talked to many of our thought leaders and 6 key opinion leaders and said, look, how is physician
- areas andwhere can it be improved?And so we hired a faculty that basically

7 training working at other companies and other

- 10 us build out a strategy on how to improve that. And
- 11 that includes a didactic portion as well as a hands-on
- 12 cadaver portion.

helped

- 13 There are also built into the Pelvic Floor
- 14 Institute information on all the DFUs. You can see
- 15 illustrations of the product being used, videos of the
- 16 products being used, scientific, basic science data.
- 17 You can sign up for the Pelvic Floor Institute on there.
- 18 And the whole goal is let's train physicians at
- 19 the best possible way so that -- with the goal of
- 20 improving the outcomes of our devices.
- 21 Q. Are those materials available on a website
- 22 where physicians have access to that?
- 23 A. Yes. To my understanding, we're the only

24 company that has a site that is offered on a website to 419 1 all physicians 24 hours every day. 2 Q. The next slide, you talk about clinical data. 3 When you're talking about successful products, what role 4 does clinical data play? A. Clinical data is very important at having 6 successful products. 7 Q. And does Boston Scientific have clinical 419:7-14 data **FRE 403** 8 supporting the safety and effectiveness of its stress 9 urinary incontinence, its sling devices? 10 A. Yes, we do. Q. And does Boston Scientific have clinical 11 12 to support the safety and effectiveness of its **Pinnacle** 13 and Uphold devices? 14 A. Yes, we do. 15 Q. In terms of the details of the studies, are you 16 the best person to talk about all of that information or 17 should we ask somebody else? A. Janice Connor would be the person that is best 19 versed on all the clinical trial data that we have 20 accumulated. Q. Is marketing responsible for analyzing 21 the 22 clinical data regarding Boston Scientific's stress 23 urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse devices? A. No, it's not. 420 Q. Who would be analyzing that kind of 2 information? A. Well, it would be under Janice's department. 4 We have biostatisticians that fall in corporate 5 clinical. It's not directly under Janice, but they're 6 the ones that look at that data. Q. The next slide, you talk about KOL development.

	T	
8 What role does the KOL development play in		
having		
9 successful products?		
10 A. Again, just being in the medical-device		
market		
11 for almost 28 years, I think this is absolutely		
critical		
12 to have physicians that you can turn to and		
rely on to		
13 tell you what the clinical unmet needs are in the		
14 marketplace and what the issues are. They're		
the ones		
15 that are dealing with their patients. They're		
the ones		
16 that understand the issues, whether it be with		
our own		
17 product or with the competitive product.		
18 And our goal with these doctors is to		
work with		
19 them, to understand those needs, and		
hopefully come up		
20 with new devices. In addition to that, I		
mentioned the		
21 training. It's a very important aspect of		
physicians		
22 that we work with in helping us train as part		
of their		
23 role.		
And then also we have medical advisory		
boards.		
421		
1 We pull them together and talk about where		
the market is		
2 going and what are the trends, et cetera.	404.0	
3 Q. The next slide talks about programs.	421:3-	
When you	421:20 EDE 401	
4 are talking about programs in terms of	FRE 401,	
marketing, give	402, 403	
5 the jury some sense for what that means.6 A. Well, programs can fall in different		
areas.		
7 For urology and women's health, an example		
of a most		
8 recent program is the "Always There"		
program.		
9 This is a program we put in place. It's a		
10 program directed to the physicians. And so		
our goal in		
11 this campaign is to tell our physicians that we		
are		

	1	T
12 committed to our pelvic organ prolapse line,		
that we're		
13 committed to our stress urinary incontinence		
line, that		
14 we're committed to women's health, and we		
are going to		
15 remain committed to them, that area.		
•		
- ·		
been		
17 able to talk to physicians about clinical data.		
We've		
18 been able to have very frank conversations		
about the		
19 market and the PHNs and so on. And it's		
been a very		
20 effective program.		
21 Q. Finally, you talk about people. Tell the		
jury		
22 what role people play in Boston Scientific's		
success.		
23 A. Well, I think internally in an		
organization it		
24 all starts with the people. You have to have		
the right		
422		
1 people in an organization that have the right		
skills,		
2 the competencies, the talent, and also that will		
always		
3 do the right thing.		
4 And that's something I've taken a lot of		
pride		
5 in, in developing people, hiring people. It's		
something		
6 that I think I'm pretty good at identifying		
individuals		
7 that can help us improve and get better as a		
company.		
8 And I'm a big believer in developing these		
people and		
9 moving forward.		
6		
eb082313, (Pages 423:21 to 425:15)		
423	400.01	
21 Q. One of the innovative features of the	423:21-	
Pinnacle	424:12	
22 and Uphold devices that you mentioned was	FRE 401,	
use of the	402, 403,	
23 Capio device instead of trocars.	701, 702,	
What was the benefit of having the	801, and	
using the	802	
424		
	1	I

- 1 Capio suturing device instead of using trocars?
- 2 A. So again, I want to reiterate. This came from
- 3 the physician community that came back to us as we were
- 4 looking at getting into the pelvic organ prolapse. We
- 5 were already in the stress urinary incontinence
- 6 business. And what the physicians came to us and said
- 7 we need to figure out a way to do this procedure
- ${\bf 8}$ intravaginally so we do not have to go through the
- 9 buttocks, we do not have to have a blind pass with
- 10 trocars, and we can have a way to get Level 1 support to
- 11 simplify the procedure and get better outcomes for the
- 12 patient. That's what it was about.
- 13 Q. And the plaintiffs' lawyers asked you
- 14 specifically about one sentence in this document that
- 15 talks about "Our Number 1 goal is to outsmart our
- 16 competitors and take share!"
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes. Sorry. I see it now.
- 19 Q. Can you read the next sentence after that for
- 20 me, please.
- 21 A. Yeah. The next sentence says, "It is all about
- 22 building solutions for your customers that are better
- 23 than the solutions our competitors can provide."
- 24 Q. And in terms of solutions, when you're talking

425

- 1 about that, what are the aspects of solutions that make
- 2 good products for physicians?
- 3 A. Well, I'll use the example of, again, Pinnacle
- 4 or Uphold. I can list devices on the urology side where
- 5 if there's a clinical unmet need and the doc says we

6 need this, they're basically saying we need a		
solution		
7 to this given problem, this clinical issue that's		
either		
8 impacting the way I do the procedure or		
impacting the		
9 end result to my patient where I want a better		
outcome		
10 for my patient.		
11 So when we talk about solutions and we		
talk		
12 about bringing our products to the market,		
we're talking		
13 about responding to what the customer is		
asking for and		
14 ensuring that what we're doing does improve		
patient		
15 lives.		

1. Counter Exhibits to Counter Exhibits a. Brasington 610

DATED: July 20, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

TRACEY & FOX LAW FIRM

/s/ Sean Tracey
Sean Patrick Tracey
State Bar No. 20176500
Shawn P. Fox
State Bar No. 24040926
Clint Casperson
State Bar No. 24075561
440 Louisiana, Suite 1901
Houston, TX 77002
(800) 925-7216
(866) 709-2333
stracey@traceylawfirm.com
sfox@traceylawfirm.com
ccasperson@traceylawfirm.com

/s/ John R. Fabry

John R. Fabry Texas Bar No. 06768480 Mark R. Mueller Texas Bar No. 14623500

MUELLER LAW, PLLC 404 West 7th Street Austin, TX 78701 (512) 478-1236 (512) 478-1473 (Facsimile) John.Fabry@muellerlaw.com Mark@muellerlaw.com Meshservice@muellerlaw.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 20, 2015, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the CM/ECF participants registered to receive service in this MDL.

TRACEY & FOX LAW FIRM

/s/ Sean Tracey
Sean Patrick Tracey
State Bar No. 2176500
Shawn P. Fox
Clint Casperson
State Bar No. 24075561
State Bar No. 24040926
440 Louisiana, Suite 1901
Houston, TX 77002
(800) 925-7216
(866) 709-2333
stracey@traceylawfirm.com
sfox@traceylawfirm.com
ccasperson@traceylawfirm.com

/s/ John R. Fabry
John R. Fabry
Texas Bar No. 06768480
Mark R. Mueller
Texas Bar No. 14623500
MUELLER LAW, PLLC
404 West 7th Street
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 478-1236
(512) 478-1473 (Facsimile)
John.Fabry@muellerlaw.com
Mark@muellerlaw.com
Meshservice@muellerlaw.com